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WILLIAM MORRISON and his descendants

This has been a labor of love as William Morrison
was a neighbor in Madison County, Kentucky,
of my BARNETT AND MONTGOMERY ancestors.

Thelma M. Murphy

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I WILLIAM MORRISON

It is not known when nor where William Morrison was born. Family tradition is that he was an only child of a gentleman from the northern part of Scotland. He died in 1823. In 1824 his heirs sold land. He was making a horseback trip from his home in Columbia, Adair County, to Richmond, Ky., at Stanford his horse threw him and either killed him out right or he died from the effects. There seem to be two traditions as to why he made this trip, first he was to attend a reunion of Revolutionary soldiers- this seems possible as he said to have been wearing his old uniform at the time of his death and secondly his granddaughter writes he was to be a witness in a court hearing. Both traditions could be true.

William was a Sergeant in the Contential Line for three years. He received a warrent #3256 for 200 acres, assigned on June 30, 1784 to Robert Coleman, assignee of Hugh Morrison, representive of William Morrison. (Virginia Soldiers of 1776, page 362) Said to have been at the battle of Yorktown. (French Tipton Papers, Madison, Ky.) He acquired the title of " Fighting Billy" Morrison but I believe this was a nickname he acquired after he came to Kentucky and was active in the Cornstalk Militia.

1795, July William Morrison was one of the appraisers of the estate of George Adams in Lincoln County.

1795, October 7 William Morrison was a witness to Thomas Marmelle Will.

1798, August 7, William Morrison was a Major in the 17th Kentucky Militia This was mostly Madison County men.

1802, August William Morrison Major in local militia

1801, Feb 26, recorded May 4, 1801 William Morrison to John Bush and al. Madison County Deed Book B page 169

1816, December 21, William and Jane Morrison sell to Benjamin Smith of Virginia 340 3/4 acres on Silver Creek. This was later known as the William Denny place. Madison County Deed Book L page 509.

1810, December 2, William Morrison sells to William M. Morrison .

" The said William Morrison for and in consideration of the paternal regards he bears to his son William M. Morrison aforesaid doth grant alien and confirm unto the said William M. Morrison all the right interest claim of or belonging to himself in and to a certain tract of land lying and being in the County of Madison on the waters of Silver Creek and bounded as followeth;

Beginning at a sugar tree NE corner to the 400 acre survey held by said Morrison's assignee of Hugh Ross thence west— thence with the west line of said survey to where it intersects Morrison's branch—thence to the Mill tract sold by Morrison to William Barnett——"

s/ William Morrison
Madison County Deed Book M. page 516

Married Jennie_____ 1

December 21, 1816 when she and William signed a deed in Madison County, Ky., it is signed Jane.

(I think that her name was Jane maybe called Jenie. The burial permit for Mary Morrison Black was issued in Cincinnati, O. on March 19, 1870. It could have been a careless job of writing the original or a duplicate which obtains in 1957. 1 TM.)

Madison County, Ky., 1820 Census

William Morrison	45 and Upward
wife	45 and Upward

A William Mitchell Morrison born sometime between 1770-1780, thought to be @ 1775. It is not known when nor where he died but it is thought to be in Trigg County, Ky. In 1843 he and his wife were dismissed from the Silver Creek Presbyterian Church for Trigg County.

In Madison County, Ky., on May 30, 1796, he married Elizabeth Anderson, daughter of John Anderson.
They had no children.

By profession William, called Mitchell, was a school teacher.

In the War of 1812 he served as a Captain in the 2nd Kentucky Regiment.

Madison County, Ky. Deed Book M page 516 December 2, 1818

William Morrison of one part and Wm M. Morrison of the other part, both of Madison County. "The said William Morrison for and in consideration of the parental regards he bears to his son William M. Morrison aforesaid, doth grant alien and confirm unto the said William M. Morrison all the right interest claim of or belonging to himself in and to a certain tract of land lying and being in the County of Madison on the waters of Silver Creek and bounded as follo oth;

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/s/ William Morrison

1820, ky 13 William H. Morrison sold to Barnett C. Moran, Bond
Book Q page 156

1820, William H. Morrison sold to Alexander Miller and
wife 15 acres on Silver Creek Book O Page 260

1822, William H. Morrison sold to David C. Irvine heirs
4 acres on Silver Creek. Book P page 306

1823 William H. Morrison- Thomas A. Clark and Al
Personal Bond Book P page 314 Deputy. Sherrif.

B Mary Morrison born 1784 in Ky and died 3/18/1870

at Cincinnati, O. She is buried in Spring Grove Cemetery, Lot #36 grave 106. Lot owner Stanley Matthews

Married James Black born June 25, 1778 and died March 3, 1849. He was a son of James Black a Revolutionary soldier from South Carolina. James Jr is buried in the garden of Springhill, near Columbia, Tenn. The old Black home was burned but the same walls were used when the house was rebuilt.

1 William Mortimer Black born November 19, 1807 and died April 25, 1835. He to is buried in the garden of the old Black home near Columbia, Tenn. He was a doctor and died during a yellow fever epodimic.

2 Talithacumi called "Aunt Tali" Black born June 21, 1812 in Maury Co., Tenn. and died at the home of her son Henry, in Louisville, Ky., on September 14, 1884.

Married 1832, Harvey Mc Gee Watterson,

born diedin Louisville, Ky.
Buried in Cave Hill Cemetery.
He was a son of William S. Watterson from Virginia.
William removed to Tennessee in 1804 where he died in 1850.
The Watterson family was from County Down, Ireland.

Harvey was a Congressman from Tennessee.

One child, Henry. As a child Henry was quite ill.

a Henry Watterson born February 16, 1840 in Washington D.C. died December 22, 1921 in ~~Louisville, Ky.~~ Jacksonville, Fla and buried in Cave Hill Cemetery, Louisville, Ky. Civil War soldier. Noted editor of Courier-Journal. Married December 20, 1865, Rebecca Bring of Nashville, Tenn. They had some children but the names are unknown to me.

3 Theresa Jane Black born in Maury Co., Tenn on October 15, 1816 and died October 15, 1833 and is buried in the garden of the old Black home near Columbia, Tenn.

4 Panthona Balck called " Aunt Pinty" born
Living in Texas in 1884. dDied

Married Dew born

5 Daughter Black
Married Johnson

a Alwyra Johnson

"Attended a school in Lebanon, Ohio."--- Elizabeth Matthews

6 Mary Jane Black born January 23, 1821 died @ 1885
in Cincinnati, Ohio and buried in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Married @ 1842 Thomas Stanley Matthews born in
~~Cincinnati~~ Cincinnatti on July 21, 1824 died March 22, 1889. He was
a son of Thomas J. and Isabella Matthews.

In 1842 he went to Maury County, Tenn., near Spring Hill, residing
a few months with the family of the Reverend John Hudson, a
Presbyterian clergyman. Thomas assisted in the conduct of a
school called Union Seminary.

In 1842 he was admitted to the bar and commenced his practise
at Columbia, Tenn. During this time he edited a weekly
political paper called the Tennessee Democrat.

Colonel in the 51st Ohio Volunteers during the Civil War.

In 1863 he was apointed at Judge of the Superior Court of
Cincinnati. Was elected to the US. Senate in 1877. In 1881
he was appointed a Justice of the U.S. Supreme ~~County~~ Court.

Two of his orations were delivered at Civil War fuctions;
The first was delivered at the reunion of the Army of the
Cumberland at Columbus, O. on September 16, 1874. The second
at the unvailing of Ward's equestrian statue of Major General
George H. Thomas in Washington D.C. on November 19, 1879.

Justice Matthews was known for his independance and courage.
He was a friend of Rutherford B. Hayes and knew President Polk
quite well.

Ford's History of Cincinnati states they had ten children
but five survived. All children by the first wife.

A

B

C

D William Mortimer Matthews born @ 1860 died 1922.

Married Marianna Proctor born 1860

died May 11, 1958 in Cincinnati, O. She was a granddaughter of William Proctor one of the founders of Proctor and Gamble.

1 Elizabeth Matthews born 1882

Unmarried and in 1962 lived in Cincinnati, O.

2 Sister Olivia of the Sisters of the Transfiguration, Episcopalian Society of Glendale, Ohio.

3 Son

4 William Proctor Matthews born

deceased by 1958 as his widow is mentioned in the Will of Marianna Proctor Matthews.

Three children.

E Jeanne Matthews

F Paul Matthews born at Glendale, O., December 25, 1866

Living November 1, 1937 at Merwick, Princeton, N.J.

Received his A B from Princeton in 1887; his B.D. from The General Theological Seminary, N. Y. in 1890. Had other special training. Consecrated Bishop of New Jersey, January 25, 1915 and retired from this post November 1, 1937.

Married May 11, 1896, Elsie Proctor born

1 Charlotte Elizabeth Matthews

Married H.S. van Buren

2 Thomas Stanley Matthews

3 Mary Ann Matthews

Married William Node Spackman

4 Harriet Procter deceased

5 Margaret Matthews

Married Walter Flinsch

6 Dorotheas Matthews

Married John Dooling

G Eva Matthews

H Grace Matthews

Married 2ndly in 1877, Mrs Mary Theaker of Washington, D.C.

7 Almeta Black born 1821/2 in Tennessee

living 1884 in Paducah, Ky.

Married James H. Viser born 1820 in Alabama and was living in Paducah, Ky. in 1880. His profession was listed as a manufacturer. As late as 1865 they lived in Miss. The following children were listed as living at home in the 1880 Census;

a Henry Viser born 1850 in Mississippi
He probably was in partnership with his father in 1880.

b Jennie Viser (Named for her grandmother?) born 1852 in Mississippi

c Mortimer Viser born 1856 in Mississippi.
in 1880 he is listed as a commerical traveler. Probably a salesman or drummer for his fathers firm.

d Edmund Viser born 1859 in Mississippi. In 1880 he was a student.

e Louise Viser born 1863 in Miss. 1880 at home.

f Stanley Viser born 1865 in Mississippi and in 1880 at school.

C Sarah called "Sallie" Morrison born

Married in Madison County, Ky. on December 12, 1809, Moses Barbour born

(This name is spelled many ways, Barber, etc. In the 1820 census the name looks like Barker)

I dontknow the name of a single descendant; in 1891 there were two ladies named Elizabeth G and Caroline H. Barbour who lived in Richmond, Ky., whom I am trying to trace. T.M.M.

In 1820 Census Moses Barber (Barker) and wife were between 26-45 they had two sons under 10years and one daughter under 10 years.

1819, May 27 Moses Barbour bought from Elizabeth Neace 50 acres on Silver Creek, Madison Co. Book O page 3

1820, August 26, Moses Barbour bought from William H. Morrison 50 acres on Silver Creek in Madison Co Book O page 476

1824, January 17, Moses and Sally Barbour deeded as heirs to William Barnett 49 acres on Silver Creek Book Q page 90

1827, November 8, Moses Barbour bought from David C. Irvine heirs 10 acres on Silver Creek Book O page 500

1832, February 7, Moses and Sally sell to John Moran 149½ acres in Madison County Book U page 177

D James Morrison born

died

He is referred to as a "quiet farmer" who lived in Madison Co., Ky.

March 11, 1825 Deed Book Q page 340 Madison Co., Ky.
James signed a commissioners deed to William Barnett for 49 acres on Silver Creek.

Said to have served in the War of 1812

Married Agness

E George Morrison born

accidently killed by his brother on February 28, 1809.

While George was talking to a friend in a hotel room in Richmond, his brother Ephrian was in the hallway examining a double barrel shotgun. It was the first he had seen and the first in Richmond, the gun discharged and George was killed.*

George was a Captain in the 19th Regiment, Kentucky Militia
This roster is dated March 6, 1803.

* Mrs Leftwichs letter of 2/10/1882
The French Tipton Papers in Richmond, Ky.
The Western Sun Vincennes, Ind newspaper 6/17/1809/

F Ephrian Morrison born

After he accidently killed his brother, George in 1809, it is said he became very melancholy.

Tradition says that he served as an surgeon or assistant surgeon in the War of 1812. He is said to have injured in the naval battle between the Constitution and Guerriere which took place 750 miles east of Boston on August 19, 1812. The British had 23 killed and 56 injured and the American had 7 killed and 7 wounded. This was the first important naval battle of the war of 1812 and did much to win the New Englanders on our side.
I have written to National Archives for his service or pension record.

His wife was of foreign birth, probably Spanish.
No children.

G Daughter Morrison

Married Lempton

M Elizabeth Morrison born

died

Married @ 1800 or later Joseph Kennedy born

died 1844.

Said to have had five children but the order of their birth is not known.

1 Mitchell M.(Morrison) Kennedy born

died

Will is dated May 7, 1850 Madison County, Ky.

His children are not named but at age 21 each is to have $1000.00, a horse, saddle, bridle, 2 beds and furniture.

a Mitchell Kennedy Jr.

2 Jane Kennedy

3 Amanda Kennedy born @ 1796 in Kentucky

Living in 1882 in Pulaski, Tenn.

It was she who wrote the Letter in 1882 that gave so much genealogical data.

Joined the Silver Creek Probsbyterian Church @ 1832.

Married John Leftwich born 1791 in Va.

1850 Census Pulaski Town, Giles Co., Tenn.

402-402	John Leftwich	59	farmer	Va
	Amanda "	54		Ky
	John Kennedy	26	farmer	Tenn
	Alice "	20		Tenn

John Kennedy was Amanda's nephew

Amanda and John had no children.

4 Cynthia Kennedy born @ 1804

At the time of her death she left her estate to her sister Amanda Leftwich, with the provission that she raise her children.

Married John Kennedy born

died

They were cousins, he was a son of David Kennedy.

They lived in Giles County, Tenn.

a John Kennedy Jr born @ 1824 in Tenn

He was in the Confederate Army.

Married Alice Mc Lane born 1830

She was from Lawrenceburg, (Ky or Tenn)

In 1850 they couple lived with Amanda Leftwich.

1 Joseph Kennedy

Physician, died young

b Joseph Kennedy born

Married Emma Perry of Giles County, Tenn

c Amanda Kennedy born

Married Mick Ballentine

They had children

d Armilda " Milda" Kennedy

In 1882 she was a widow with four children and lived with Mrs Lafferich in Pulaski, Tenn.

5 Patsy M. Kennedy born

died February, 1853 in Giles County, Tenn.

At the time of her sister Cynthian's death she was unmarried.

Married John Kennedy who was her brother-in-law and also her cousin. He was a son of David Kennedy.

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I Martha "Patsy" Morrison born

Married in Adair County, Ky., on June 14, 1817, Nathan Gaither born September 15, 1788 in Davie Co., N. C. and died in Columbia, Adair County, Ky., on August 12, 1862. He was a son of Basil and Margaret(Walking) Gaither. In 1808 he went to Kentucky and was graduated from Bardstown College. He later studied medicine under his cousin, Dr Edward Gaither of Springfield, Ky.

During the War of 1812 he served as an Assistant Surgeon.
Kentucky House of Representives 1815-1818.
He was U.S. Congressman from 1827-1830.
Was a member of the State (Ky) Constitutional Convention in 1849.

Notes;

1 Anne Arundel Centry Harry Wright Newman page 384
2 History of Christian Co., Ky pages 516-7
3 History of Kentucky Parrin pages 860-7

1 Edgar B. Gaither born 1818

died 1855.

He attended West Point and served as a Captin in the 3rd Dragoons in the Mexican War.

Practised law in Washington D.C. with Theodore O'Hare

Married Emily E. Hutchinson of Mercer Co.

a Edgar (or Edward) Hutchinson Gaither born November 7, 1852 at Columbia, Ky.

He was an attorney in Harrodsburg, Ky.

2 Dr W. Nicholas Gaither born

Married Lavonia Anderson born

a Nathan Gaither born died 1918

He came to Hopkinsville, Ky. during the Civil War. He was prominate in the tobacco business. He was 12 years Clerk of Christian County, later Circuit Court Judge.

Married 1st, Mary Dorothy Zollicoffer

daughter of General Felix Zillicoffer

1 Felix Z. Gaither born

Married 2ndly, Rebecca Gant born

died She was a daughter of Joseph K. Gant and Elizabeth V. Crabb. Joseph was a son of Archibald Gant.

2 Dr. Joseph Gant Gaither born December 18, 1884 in Hopkinsville, Ky.

See enclosed newspaper clipping

Married Jane Eskridge Lum of Vicksburg, Miss. She was a daughter of James J. and Dolia B. Lum. They had three children, two survived.

a Joseph Gant Gaither Jr

b Jane Gaither

Married Ian Campbell of Monterey, Calif.

c Infant who died.

3 Margaret Gaither born 1826

1850 she was unmarried.

4 Kate Gaither born 1828 twin?

1850 she was unmarried

5 Emily Gaither born 1828 twin

6 Mattie Gaither

7 George D. Gaither

Died of the effects of the Mexican War campaign.

8 Nathan Gaither born 1835
died at Harrodsburg, Ky.

Married May 1866, Susan Shelby Magoffin born March 7, 1841 died in Harrodsburg, Ky. March 29, 1904.

He was admitted to the Presbyterian Church at Columbia, Adair Co., September 13, 1863.

Member of the state Legislature. Appointed Secretary of State October 2, 1861 under Governor Magoffin, his father-in-law.

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